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REF: (A) MANAMA 0682, (B) KUWAIT 1656 (NOTAL),

1. PRESS REPORTS AND POL OFF DISCUSSION MARCH 21 WITH ASST.
UNDER SEC OF AMIRI DIWAN, SHEIKH IBRAHIM AL-SABAH, GIVE US
THE IMPRESSION THAT KUWAIT SHARES IN A GROWING ARAB CONSENSUS
THAT AN ARAB LEAGUE MEETING OF FON MINS SHOULD BE HELD
SHORTLY, WHICH WOULD LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR AN ARAB SUMMIT.

SHEIKH IBRAHIM NOTED THAT KUWAIT IS ON RECORD AS FAVORING A SUMMIT PRECEDED BY A PREPARTORY MEETING AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL (REF B), AND HE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT KUWAIT IS AMONG THE SITES UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR THE PREPARATORY GATHERING, ALONG WITH KHARTOUM AND TUNIS. HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT ANY DATE HAD BEEN SET, BUT HE OPINED THAT THE FON MINS WOULD MEET "VERY SOON."

2. KUWAITI MIN/CABINET AFFAIRS HUSSEIN TOLD NEWSMEN MARCH 20 THAT KUWAIT IS ENGAGED IN INTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS REGARDING A MEETING OF ARAB FONMINS WHICH WILL STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF HOLDING A SUMMIT. PRESS ALSO NOTES THAT THE AMIR RECEIVED JORDANIAN EMISSARY ABDUL-HAMEED AL-SHARAF, CHIEF OF THE ROYAL COURT, ON MARCH 20, AFTER WHICH THE KUWAITI MIN/AMIRI DIWAN AFFAIRS INFORMED NEWSMEN THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ARAB SUMMIT WAS DISCUSSED IN THE CONTEXT OF "RECENT ISRAELI AGGRESSION" AGAINST LEBANON.
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